



SPONSOR: Sen. Henry

DELAWARE STATE SENATE
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

RECOGNIZING APRIL 6, 2017, AS "AKA DAY AT THE CAPITOL" IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, is 109 years young and was founded on the campus of
2 Howard University in Washington, D.C., and has been in relentless existence since January 15, 1908; and

3 WHEREAS, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, Anna Easter Brown, Beulah Burke, Lillian Burke, Marjorie Hill, Margaret
4 Flagg Holmes, Lavinia Norman, Lucy Diggs Slowe, and Marie Woolfolk Taylor established the first Greek-lettered
5 organization established by and for African American, college-educated women; and

6 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated consists of 260,000 members globally, with record breaking
7 service community service to all mankind, totaling over 1 million hours, particularly in African-American neighborhoods;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Epsilon Iota Omega, Sigma Zeta Omega, Zeta Omega, Delta Lambda, and Tau Omicron Chapters
10 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's influence and civic contributions have brought about economic security,
11 environmental sustainability and addressed issues of global poverty, social justice, and spiritual change throughout
12 Delaware, as well as nationally and internationally; and

13 WHEREAS, the Epsilon Iota Omega, Sigma Zeta Omega, Zeta Omega, Delta Lambda, and Tau Omicron Chapters
14 of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and their members have been actively involved in our local communities
15 through spearheading Emerging Young Leaders, AKAette, and Debutante programs for middle and high school girls;
16 partnering with local restaurants to raise funds for Heifer International; sponsoring shoe drives for the needy; collaborating
17 with local churches to host Voter's Registration Drives; advocating health care initiatives; writing letters to support Anti-
18 Bullying laws; and many other community focused contributions.

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by Senate of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that April 6, 2017, shall be
21 "AKA Day at the Capitol" in Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated and declares April 6, 2017 as "AKA Day at the Capitol" in Delaware.

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